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SUBJECT: US AIRLIFT MAURITANIA

REFS: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 899 (NOTAL) (B) DAKAR 4325 (NOTAL)  
(C) BAMAKO 3012 (NOTAL) (D) NOUAKCHOTT 884

1. SUMMARY: REFTELS, AND OTHERS NOT LISTED, DETAIL NUMEROUS  
OBSTACLES IN PATH INITIATION AIRLIFT IN MAURITANIA. DEPART-  
MENT AND DOD CONTINUING EFFORTS BEGIN FLYING AT EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE TIME. BASED ON MOST RECENT FACTS, HOWEVER, IT  
APPEARS OCTOBER 1 STARTING DATE WILL SLIP. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL (A) DETAILS NON-AVAILABILITY SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES  
JET FUEL NOUAKCHOTT. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE WHAT EXTRAORDI-  
NARY MEASURES GIRM/MOBIL PLANNING UNDERTAKE PROVIDE SUFFIC-  
IENT FUEL PERMIT USG AIRCRAFT FUEL AND LOAD IN MAURITANIA.  
WITHOUT AVAILABILITY OF AND GUARANTEED REPLENISHMENT SUFFIC-  
ICIENT FUEL, NO FEASIBLE AND COST EFFECTIVE WAY USG AIR-  
CRAFT CAN ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE OF 1200 MT IN 30 DAY  
PERIOD BY LOADING IN NOUAKCHOTT.

3. THREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE PERMIT EARLY INITIATION  
AIRLIFT. (1) IF BAGGED GRAIN BOUND FOR MAURITANIA IS PRESEN-  
TLY STORED DAKAR, THIS GRAIN COULD BE MOVED TO AIRPORT AND  
POSITIONED FOR USG AIRCRAFT TO PICK UP AND FLY TO KFA/AEO,  
AND RETURN, BYPASSING NOUAKCHOTT. THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD  
INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE GIRM ACTION, PER REF I. REFTEL (C),  
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DISCUSSING GOM ACTIONS IN SUPPORT RAF DAKAR - MALI AIRLIFT.  
(2) IF NO BAGGED GRAIN BOUND MAURITANIA CURRENTLY STORED  
DAKAR, GIRM COULD REQUEST GOS OR GOM DIVER SOME OF THEIR  
GRAIN IN DAKAR FOR EMERGENCY AIRLIFT - WITH STOCKS BEING  
REPLENISHED LATER THIS MONTH FROM TONNAGE ARRIVING DAKAR  
FOR MAURITANIA. (3) JCS ADVISES THAT USCINC/AFRED CAL-  
CULATIONS SUGGEST A C-130 COULD FLY BKO-NKC-KFA/AEO-BKO,  
LOADING 30,000 LBS. GRAIN AT NKC, OFFLOADING AT KFA/AEO,

AND RETURN BKO WITHOUT REFUELING. COST THIS ALTERNATIVE, INVOLVING SIX TO SEVEN HOURS FLYING TIME MOVE 15 TONS, WOULD APPEAR MAKE IT PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. ABOVE ALTERNATIVES APPEAR OFFER ONLY CHANCE BEGIN AIRLIFT, FROM WHATEVER PORT AND UNDER WHATEVER CONDITIONS, O/A OCTOBER 1.

4. IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, AND NOTWITHSTANDING POSSIBILITY FAVORABLE GIRM/MOBIL ACTION INCREASE FUEL SUPPLY OR CONVINCING ARGUMENT IN BEHALF ALTERNATIVES MENTIONED ABOVE, AID BELIEVES FOLLOWING APPROACH WILL INSURE QUICKEST START UP FOR MAURITANIA AIRLIFT: UPON SELECTION FORWARDER FOR USG GRAIN ARRIVING DAKAR FOR MAURITANIA ON "DELTA ARGENTINA" 0800 HOURS OCTOBER 1 (SUBJECT SEPTTEL), FORWARDER BE CHARGED WITH MOVING SUFFICIENT QUANTITY BAGGED GRAIN TO DAKAR AIRPORT PERMIT INITIATION AIRLIFT. THE ABOVE WOULD REQUIRE A NUMBER OF ACTIONS: NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT WITH AN AS YET NOT SELECTED FORWARDER, GIRM-GOS DISCUSSIONS ON WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS PERMIT AIRLIFT FROM DAKAR, INCREASE MAURITANIA ALLOTMENT DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS PERMIT TRUCK TRANSFER OF BAGGED GRAIN FROM PORT TO AIRPORT (FOR VARIETY OF REASONS PA/PR FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE), AND EMBASSY INQUIRIES AND ASSURANCES ON WAIVER OF LANDING FEES, AVAILABILITY SUFFICIENT QUANTITY DUTY FREE FUEL, AND OTHER ITEMS GRANTED RAF DURING THEIR AIRLIFT TO MALI.

5. UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, AID AND DOD WILL CONTINUE PLAN INITIATE AIRLIFT ASAP FROM DAKAR, DIRECT TO KFA/AEO, AND RETURN, FLYING USG GRAIN SCHEDULED ARRIVE OCTOBER 1. ADDITIONAL CABLES TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK WILL COVER MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT, ROTATION, AND FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

6. FOR BAMAKO: CONCUR EMBASSY BAMAKO APPROACH GOM FOR PERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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